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KidsCare

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Low or No Cost

Medical, Dental and Vision Care

Cuidado Médico, Dental y de la Vista

A Bajo Costo o Sin Costo

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What is KidsCare?

KidsCare was established by the State of Arizona to provide medical insurance for children of working parents. If your employer does not offer health insurance for your children, if you are self-employed, or if the high cost of health insurance prevents you from enrolling your children, then KidsCare may be for you. With KidsCare, children receive medical, dental and vision coverage at little or no cost.

What does KidsCare cost?

KidsCare is inexpensive. How much a family pays (called a "premium") is based on family income and the number of children who qualify.

KidsCare will cost no more than $15 a month for one child, or no more than $20 a month no matter how many children are in the household. Some families may even receive KidsCare at no cost.

What will my child receive?

Children 18 years old or younger who qualify for KidsCare can get medical, dental and vision care coverage -- all three services combined in one simple health plan.

With KidsCare, parents can choose the health plan that is best for their family. There are several health plans available in every county.

You can select a health plan when you fill out the application and send it to KidsCare. Each health plan under KidsCare provides the same quality services.

KidsCare provides 12 continuous months of health care coverage. Coverage can be renewed by the parent every year until a child turns 19 years of age and as long as the family stays within the eligibility requirements.

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What are the services?

Medical Care

Doctor's office visits	Prescriptions & medical supplies	Hearing tests & hearing aids	Hospital services
Complete physical exams	Laboratory & X-ray services	Most family planning services	Emergency medical hospitalization
Immunizations	Specialist care, if necessary	24 hour emergency medical care	Behavioral health services

Dental Care

Dental screenings and treatments

Vision Care

Eye exams

Glasses

Do my kids qualify?

KidsCare is available to:

- Any child 18 years of age and younger who is a resident of Arizona.
- Any child who is either a U.S. citizen or legal immigrant - regardless of the status of the parents.
- Any child who is not covered by other health insurance.
- Any child whose family meets the income requirements below:

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Family Size	Count each child, their parent(s) and/or stepparent(s) living in the home. If pregnant, count each unborn child				Each added person
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Monthly Income	$1,677	$1,990	$2,304	$2,617	Add $313
Family Share (combined family cost of $25 every per week)	$8.50	$11.56	$14.55	$17.56	

* If teenager is living away from parents.

To determine if a child or more than one child in a family qualifies, KidsCare reviews:

- Proof of a family's earnings or income for the past month from all sources - including job wages, tips, child support, and/or Social Security benefits. This includes any money received by children, their parents and/or their stepparents living in the home. Paycheck stubs are accepted as proof.
- Proof of a child's citizenship or immigration status if the child was born outside the U.S. The status of a child's parents does not matter.

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How do I get KidsCare for my family?

Applying for KidsCare is simple and easy and can be done by mail. There are no interviews, so parents don't have to miss work. You can request an application by phone.

Free assistance in filling out the application in English or Spanish is also available by calling KidsCare.

To see if your children may qualify, please answer the questions below:

Yes No

1. Do any children in your household need health insurance? (Check **No** if all of your children already have health coverage. Private health insurance, AHCCCS, KidsCare or other)

2. Are any of the children who need health insurance U.S. citizens or legal immigrants? (Receiving KidsCare does not affect immigration status of the children or the parents.)

3. Is your total family income before taxes under the KidsCare income limits shown in the box in this brochure? (Income = wages, self-employment, child support, Social Security and any money received by parents and children).

If you answered YES to questions 1-3, your children may be eligible for KidsCare.

If you think your child might qualify, fill out the attached postcard and mail it to KidsCare (postage paid) to request an application in English or Spanish.

OR

Call toll free **1-877-764-KIDS (5437)** from anywhere in Arizona. Residents of Maricopa County please call 602-417-KIDS (5437).

Information is not shared with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS). A parent's Social Security number is not required.

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Why health insurance for children?

When children are healthy they feel better. They are able to listen and see clearly, concentrate and learn better in school. They don't miss classes and can study like they should. When they feel well they do better in hobbies, clubs, sports and other physical activities.

Every child - whether 8 days or 18 years of age should be covered by complete health insurance. That's why Arizona now has KidsCare. KidsCare offers the guarantee that your kids will have access to health care - and not just when there's a medical emergency.

AHCCCS complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. If you need an accommodation to participate in an AHCCCS program, service or activity or the document in an alternative format, please contact our office at 1-877-764-5437.

Please mail me a KidsCare application to the address below.
Favor de enviarme una solicitud de KidsCare a la dirección siguiente:

Parent's/Guardian's Name - Nombre de los padres

Address - Dirección

City and Zip - Ciudad y Zipcode

Zip - Codigo Postal

County - Condado

Number of children - Número de niños

Home Phone - Número de teléfono (casa)

Work Phone - Número de teléfono (trabajo)

Thank you for requesting a KidsCare application.
Gracias por pedir una solicitud de KidsCare.

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